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***VHB, the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, and the
Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association present:***

Massachusetts Highway Design for Planners

A **FREE** workshop on the new
Massachusetts Highway Department Project Development and Design Guidebook

Tuesday June 20, 2006

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

***DoubleTree Hotel Westborough/Boston
(Formerly the Westborough Wyndham Hotel)***

Workshop Program

Overview of the new guidebook

The process of plan preparation within the new guidebook

Old vs. New:

Two municipal case studies on highway design projects in Southborough and Framingham

This new edition replaces the 1997 *Massachusetts Highway Design Manual*.

Features in the new guidebook include:

Flexibility - the new guidebook has significantly more flexible design requirements;

Community Context - the new guidebook places significant emphasis the character of the community beyond the paved roadway;

Multimodal Accommodation - the new guidebook encourages and supports the integrated planning of various modes of transportation including pedestrian and bicyclists; and

Clear Project Development Process - the new guidebook provides direct guidance on how to advance a project from planning to construction.

This workshop is intended to introduce municipal officials/employees, particularly planners, to the new guidebook, provide an overview of the process and variable design approaches outlined in the guidebook, and detail some of the tools that are available within the document to address projects that have traditionally been ignored or tabled due to prior policy.

This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

To register, go to www.arc-of-innovation.org and click on "Partnership Events".

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